International Seminar on School Effectiveness and Learning Achievement at Primary Stage

695. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a three day International Seminar on research in school effectiveness and learning achievement at primary stage was organised at New Delhi on 17th July, 1995;

(b) if so, the details thereof with names of countries participated with objectives;

(c) the details of issues discussed in the Seminar;

(d) whether some suggestions were also made in the Seminar;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether Government propose to take some steps to implement the suggestions made in the Seminar; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The seminar was organised by NCERT under the aegis of District Primary Education Programme (DPEP) with participation of more than 80 scholars of National and International standing from USA, United Kingdom, Netherlands, Bangladesh and India.

(c) Factors related to school effectiveness and learning achievement at Primary stage, were discussed in the Seminar.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The seminar recommended, inter alia Promotion and dissemination of school based action research activities, giving priority to achievement tests and diagnostic tests, identification of factors hindering effective management of village schools, organisation of short cycle needbased skill-oriented courses in research methodology to improve quality of educational research in the country.

(f) Yes, Sir.

(g) The suggestions made at the seminar form part of research component of District Primary Education Programme.

Granite Mining Project in Gujarat

696. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up some integrated granite mining projects in Gujarat particularly in Kuchh region;

(b) if so, the number of projects originally planned;

(c) the number of granite projects that have been set up in Gujarat so far;

(d) the details thereof including the total investment made in these projects; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) The Government of Gujarat has stated that there is no proposal to set up such projects.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) In Sabarkantha, Banaskantha, Rajkot, Ahmedabad and Amreli Districts of Gujarat State there are 6 medium scale and 12 small scale units processing the granite with the investment of Rs. 10.00 crores and Rs. 2.00 crores respectively.

(e) Does not arise.